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THE MARITIME CONFERENCE.

Without endorsing the intimation of national jealousy, as the cause of fault-finding on the part of Lord Salisbury's government, we should sincerely regret even the temporary failure of a beneficent international project. We are glad that it is revived again. We quote from the *Boston Journal*:

The purpose of this conference was to devise an international signal code and "rules of the road," in order to lessen the dangers of collision and in other ways to increase the security of life and property at sea. The objects of the gathering were thus purely humanitarian ones. The conference had been approved by the chief boards of trade and similar commercial organizations in this country. Congress had appropriated \$20,000 for it. Invitations have been sent out to the important maritime Powers, and most of the invitations have been accepted.

The conference was to begin its sessions in Washington in April next.

WORKINGMEN.

One of the resolutions of the forty-six Workingmen's Societies of Italy at the Milan meeting wisely raises the question, "Who furnish the chief proportion of the young men, who, by serving in the army, have to offer themselves as food for cannon? It is we—always we. Therefore if we, the workingmen, have to pay, with our money and our blood, for this iniquity of war, it devolves upon us also to cry out to the rulers of nations, 'We protest against war. We abhor the divisions which it creates between kindred peoples, peoples who only wish to live in peace with each other. Our real enemies, those which we are all called upon to fight against, are ignorance, injustice, and misery."

If the working classes of all the nations of Europe will seriously and generally take up and act upon the course thus suggested, they will be able effectually to restrain the disastrous military influences of courts and camps.—*Herald of Peace*.

THE COMING TIME.

When science fully controls the machinery of war, when its terrible engines of destruction have been perfected and the great awkward military plan of to-day has been pushed back into history, what then? War will have become so incomparably horrible that no nation will be willing to precipitate a conflict. A sure system of international arbitration will be agreed upon. A general disarmament of the nations will follow, with its consequent relief from taxation of the overburdened people of the military powers. It will give a quietus to the principle that the ability of one people to inflict a greater injury on another people than they themselves suffer settles correctly a question of right or wrong, or anything else. It will give the nations a greater and better respect one for the other, based on a more correct estimate than now exists, where the criterion is the number of bayonets and the weight of gun metal. The state pictured will not be the millennium, but it will be nearer to it than this world has ever yet been.—*Boston Transcript*.

The American Peace Society differs from the European peace society of monarchs bound to get all the pieces they can by annexation or otherwise.—*Boston Record*.

"THE PRINCE OF PEACE."

BY D. D. TAPPAN.

But,—why this sweetly winning name?
He is the Prince of *Power*,—the same;
The Universe, entire, is proof of this;
This appellation can not be amiss.

And *Wisdom*; proofs in every orb abound,
Which this *our* solar system may surround;
And myriads in our humble planet rise,
To hail Him, as *Jehovah*, "Only Wise."

And, *Goodness*,—to those, in all worlds, who dwell,
Nowhere, with truth, denied; no, not in hell;
For, that sad place may aid the general weal,
So prisons do, with us,—as wise men feel.

"*The Prince of Peace!*" *Peace* was his special mission,
This the high end of that bequeathed commission,
To publish the glad tidings, in His name,
In each abode of human guilt and shame.

Mankind, at strife with the invincible Supreme,
He came to close their senseless war with Him,
And, then, to each subdued, allegiant heart,
His own, enduring, heavenly *peace* impart.

Where He bestows his philanthropic grace,
Belligerent men become the sons of peace;
The germ, still nourished by His plastic hand,
Shall, one day, subjugate each hostile land.

Jan. 1889.

Cardinal Manning (Catholic) says: "For thirty-five years I have been priest and bishop in London, and now I approach my eightieth year I have learned some lessons, and the first thing is this: The chief bar to the working of the holy spirit of God in the souls of men and women, is intoxicating drink. I know no antagonist to that good spirit more direct, more subtle, more stealthy, more ubiquitous, than intoxicating drink. Though I have known men and women destroyed for all manner of reasons, yet I know of no cause that affects man, woman, child and home with such universality of steady power as intoxicating drink."

"That was a notable dinner party in New York the other night," says a contemporary, "where Mr. David Dudley Field, aged 84, Mr. Justice Field of the United States Supreme Court, aged 72, and Rev. Dr. Field, editor of the New York *Evangelist*, aged 66, all gathered around the table of their brother, Mr. Cyrus W. Field, aged 69. All four of these brothers have clear, bright eyes, and a ruddy, healthy complexion, and they laughed and joked together like a lot of boys." A remarkable Massachusetts family is the Field family.

The following is regarded as the nearest estimate that can be made of the number of Mohammedans in the world: Turkish Empire, 20,000,000; Persia and Caucasus, 12,000,000; India, 41,000,000; East Indies, 23,000,000; China, 5,000,000; Egypt, 8,000,000; Morocco, 2,750,000; Algiers, 2,920,000; Tunis, 2,000,000; Tripoli, 750,000; Sahara, 4,000,000; Soudan, 38,000,000; Zanzibar, 380,000; Central Asia, 14,000,000; total, 173,800,000.—*Foreign Missionary*.

Retaliation is the weapon of bosses, bullies and tyrants; arbitration is the method of scholars, statesmen and patriots.—*Philadelphia Press*.